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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

IN RE:

Ch. 7

POWER HOME SOLAR, LLC,

Debtor

Case No. 22-50228

**CLAUDE MUMPOWER,** HERMAN BLAND, SYLVIA BLAND, JACOB GREEN, EMILY YEATTS, MARC VREDENBURG, SHON JUALIN, AMBER JUALIN, **DUSTIN FONTENOT** RICHARD MONTERIA, NIRMAL SAKTHI, LOGAN SCHALK, KIM L. LARSEN, SCOTT LARSEN, JASON SCHIEBER, DAMIEN SINK, ERIC MEDLIN, HEATHER WILSON MEDLIN, **GEORGE W. HARRIS, III** MOHAMED ABDALLA, REAGAN ATKINS, BRIAN BAUMGARDNER. SAMANTHA BOWYER, PAUL CAMPBELL III, TERESA CICCONE, MICHAEL CRAIGHEAD, JAMES CROWDER, JOSHUA DICKEY, ROBERT DUNCAN, MICHAEL DUNFORD, DOMINIC DURING, GLEN ERWIN, ANTHONY FUCCI, MELISSA GRUBE,

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DANIEL JACKSON,
JAMES MACKEY,
SONDRA MACKEY,
LESLIE ISAAC,
RUTH CROSS,
VICHITTRA PRASONGPHIME,
SILBERIO REYES, and
STEVE HOLLINGSHEAD

for themselves and on behalf of others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v. Adv. Pro. No: 23-03005

POWER HOME SOLAR, LLC,
JAYSON WALLER,
SUNLIGHT FINANCIAL LLC,
DIVIDEND SOLAR FINANCE, LLC,
GOODLEAP, LLC,
SOLAR MOSAIC, INC.,
CROSS RIVER BANK,
TECHNOLOGY CREDIT UNION,
DIGITAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,
ADDITION FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION,
WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
as Trustee for SLSLT UNDERLYING TRUST 2020-1, and
DOES 1-10.

Defendants.

## FIRST AMENDED ADVERSARY CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

### INTRODUCTION

1. This lawsuit seeks remedies for consumers who Defendants fraudulently induced into purchasing over-promised and under-performing solar panels at secretly inflated prices. To carry out their scheme, Defendants used a classic "bait and switch" tactic in their sales pitch, promising consumers that they would receive a substantial federal income tax credit if they purchased solar panels. Despite knowing that the tax credit was not guaranteed in many instances, Defendants nonetheless told consumers that they would promptly receive a payment after signing

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up. Defendants also misled consumers because—even in circumstances in which the tax credit would apply—it was merely a credit in the form of an income tax reduction that could offset other tax liability. In other words, Defendants explicitly promised a tax rebate check from the government, yet no consumer received one.

- 2. Plaintiffs file this lawsuit as a proposed class action to remedy the wrongs committed by Defendants: the debtor Power Home Solar, LLC ("Power Home" or the "Debtor"); and the financial entities that Power Home used to sell solar panel systems to customers throughout North Carolina, Virginia, and other states.
- 3. The named Plaintiffs are all residents of North Carolina or Virginia who signed contracts with Power Home, to install solar panel system; and a financial entity defendant was involved, to finance the purchase of the solar panel system from Power Home. The same salesperson arranged both the sale of the system contract and the credit contract, which were usually negotiated and executed in the consumer's home. All the credit contracts require that any holder of the credit contract be liable for all claims and defenses the consumer has against Power Home, such that any claim the consumer has against Power Home is also a claim that can be raised against the finance entity Defendants, which themselves are creditors of Power Home in its (above captioned) bankruptcy case.
- 4. Because of this derivative liability, each financial entity defendant will ultimately assert claims against Power Home, either under indemnity agreements or other legal theories. The extent and value of those indemnity claims will depend on the aggregate liability of the consumers' successful claims against each respective financial entity defendant. Additionally, to the extent Plaintiffs recover damages for derivative liability claims against financial entity Defendants, their claims against Power Home will be reduced.

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- 5. For those reasons, Plaintiffs propose the class action device to decide the core legal issues at once in one forum. Plaintiffs seek one adjudication of the common questions of law and fact. Those legal determinations will then create the framework for establishing the respective amounts of the individual claims against the Debtor as well as the value of the liability which the financial entities can assert against the Debtor.
- 6. Each individual financial entity Defendant had its own contractual relationship, directly or indirectly, with Power Home. The core similarity between those various contracts is that the same Power Home employee who negotiated the sale of the solar power system also arranged the credit contract. By wearing these two hats, that representative was an agent for Power Home and an agent for the financial entity. The dual nature of the agency role of that Power Home employee inextricably ties the valuation of each Plaintiff's claim against Power Home to the determination of the value of their claim against the financial entity Defendants involved in their transaction.
- 7. Further, based on the contracts between Power Home and the various financial entity Defendants, the purported face amount of the direct loan, which the financial entities' loan documents explicitly represent is a loan exclusively to be paid to Power Home for the cost of the design, installation, and equipment for the solar power system, was not the true amount of the loan. Instead, based on separate contracts between Power Home and the various financial entity Defendants, the cash price for each financed installation was inflated to include an undisclosed fee charged by the financial entity Defendants, who actually paid less to Power Home for the design, installation, and equipment than the amount of the loan proceeds. Because the person who was negotiating the alleged "price" of the Power Home system was also arranging the credit contract on behalf of the financial entity/lender, the unlawfully inflated price being charged on the Power

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Home contracts was a function of the credit-granting process of the financial entity making the loan.

- 8. Consequently, the financial entity Defendants were directly involved in the sale and credit-granting process, and they therefore have direct liability for the actions of their agent. Because actual damages may be recovered only once, recovery of damages for that direct liability, which covers the same damages as a claim against Power Home, may also reduce the amount of Plaintiffs' claims against Power Home, potentially leaving more resources available for the bankruptcy estate, which may improve the potential recovery available to Power Home's non-consumer creditors.
- 9. The claims include violation of the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), violation of the North Carolina Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act (UDTPA), violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act (VCPA), fraud, and violation of the federal Truth in Lending Act (TILA).

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 10. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 151, 157(b), and 1334; 11 U.S.C. § 105 and 501; and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7023, in that this action arises in and relates to the Chapter 7 bankruptcy case of Power Home, 18 U.S.C. § 1964(c), and raises claims against that debtor and other entities with interests in this bankruptcy.
- 11. This proceeding is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A), (B), and (O). Congress delegated to the bankruptcy courts, as judicial officers of the district courts, adjudicatory authority, subject to the district courts' supervision as particularized in § 157 and the limits imposed by the Constitution. To the extent that the Court finds any of Plaintiffs' claims are noncore claims, Plaintiffs consent to entry of final judgment by this Court on all claims presented in this matter. To the extent any other party does not also consent to the entry of final judgment by

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this Court, Plaintiffs consent to this Court's entry of a report and recommendation to the District Court.

- 12. Venue is proper in this District because the primary actor linking all the parties together is Power Home, the debtor in bankruptcy.
- 13. Each member of the proposed class also suffered concrete harm because they did not receive what they were promised by Power Home. Depending on the person, these harms included being overcharged for their system, being charged more for their actual loan than as set forth in the credit contracts, not receiving the system they were orally promised, not receiving the reduction in their overall electric costs each month that they were promised, not receiving the tax credit they were promised, not receiving the system described in their contract, not having their system properly installed and put in proper functioning order, and not receiving the benefit of the promised Power Home warranty.
- 14. Because of the contractual duties owed by any owner of any loan established by an entity that had a business relationship Power Home, determination of the amount of the claims of each Plaintiff will also determine the amount of derivative liability of the owner of any such loan.

## **PARTIES**

- 15. The Plaintiffs are all natural people who reside in North Carolina or Virginia who signed contracts with Defendant Power Home for the installation of a photovoltaic solar power system at their residence.
- 16. Defendant Power Home is the debtor who has filed a Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Prior to filing bankruptcy, it adopted "Pink Energy" as the name in which it did business.
- 17. Defendant Jayson Waller was the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Power Home.

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- 18. Defendant Dividend Solar Finance, LLC ("Dividend") is a financial institution who extended credit to one or more of the named Plaintiffs for the purchase of a solar power system from Power Home.
- 19. Defendant Cross River Bank ("Cross River") is a financial institution who extended credit to one or more of the named Plaintiffs for the purchase of a solar power system from Power Home.
- 20. Defendant Technology Credit Union ("Tech CU") is a state chartered financial institution who extended credit to one or more of the named Plaintiffs for the purchase of a solar power system from Power Home.
- 21. Defendant Solar Mosaic, Inc. (Mosaic) is a financial institution who extended credit to one or more of the named Plaintiffs for the purchase of a solar power system from Power Home. Solar Mosaic also worked with other institutions to arrange for the other institution to extend credit to one or more of the named Plaintiffs for the purchase of a solar power system from Power Home.
- 22. Defendant GoodLeap LLC, formerly known as Loanpal ("GoodLeap") is a California limited liability company and a financial institution who extended credit to one or more of the named Plaintiffs for the purchase of a solar power system from Power Home.
- 23. Defendant Sunlight Financial LLC ("Sunlight") is a Delaware limited liability company and a financial institution who worked with other institutions, like Cross River and Tech CU, to arrange for the other institution to extend credit to one or more of the named Plaintiffs for the purchase of a solar power system from Power Home.
- 24. Defendant Digital Federal Credit Union ("Digital") is a state chartered financial institution who extended credit to one or more of the named Plaintiffs for the purchase of a solar power system from Power Home.

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- 25. Defendant Addition Financial Credit Union ("Addition") is a state chartered financial institution who extended credit to one or more of the named Plaintiffs for the purchase of a solar power system from Power Home.
- 26. Defendant Wilmington Trust, N.A., as Trustee for SLSLT UNDERLYING TRUST 2020-1 ("SLSLT Trust") is a securitization trust that has bought one or more of the credit contracts that were created by the other financial institutions to extend credit to one or more of the named Plaintiffs for the purchase of a solar power system from Power Home.
- 27. Defendants DOES 1 through 10 are any other financial institutions or trusts that purchased one or more of the credit contracts that were created by the other financial institutions to extend credit to one or more of the named Plaintiffs for the purchase of a solar power system from Power Home.

### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 28. At all pertinent times, Waller controlled Power Home's practices and was intimately familiar with its practices, procedures, and standard contracts.
- 29. Waller and Power Home authorized and ratified the wrongful conduct that harmed the named Plaintiffs.
- 30. At the direction of Waller, Power Home established contracts with the financial entity Defendants for those entities to work with Power Home to sell and finance residential solar power systems that produced electricity. Every financed deal had two contracts—an installation agreement with Power Home and a credit contract directly with the lender. The same salesperson presented both contracts and used one program on an iPad that did all the calculations and determined the price. Power Home's contracts with the financial entity Defendants included a hidden fee that the financial entity Defendants included in and retained from each loan to Power Home's consumer customers.

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- 31. According to his LinkedIn profile, Waller has "two decades of experience and knowledge of sales and marketing, raising venture capital, contract negotiations, data analysis, scaling, and digital marketing."
- 32. After negotiations in 2017, on January 1, 2018, Waller arranged for a private equity firm, Trivest Partners, to purchase 25% of Power Home for \$15 million.
- 33. After this cash infusion, Waller worked with the new investor to scale up his business model.
- 34. With this new model, Waller oversaw Power Home's expansion from four states to fifteen states in five years, and increased revenue from \$40 million to \$700 million in that same time.
- 35. Waller personally oversaw how Power Home sold its systems and arranged financing with the financial entities.
- 36. Waller ran the sales department himself and directly participated in the training of sale representatives.
  - 37. Waller knew about the hidden fee agreements with the financial entity Defendants.
- 38. Waller ensured that the agents who sold the system and arranged the financing did not disclose the hidden fee.
- 39. The consequence of the hidden fee was that, with Power Home's and Waller's assistance, the financial entity Defendants knowingly made loans to borrowers that were secretly inflated by amounts the financial entity Defendants kept for themselves, even as the financial entity Defendants' loan agreements and other disclosures represented to the consumer that the principal of the loans was to be used exclusively to pay for the design, installation, and solar power generation equipment that the consumer was purchasing from Power Home.

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40. At the direction of Waller, Power Home established a standard sales pitch to be used when these systems and the related financing were sold to consumers.

41. The standard sales pitch misled consumers about the efficiency and effectiveness of the system being sold to them, misrepresented the federal solar tax credit as a guaranteed rebate that would come back to the consumer in one lump sum, and misrepresented the amount of the dollar benefit to the consumer.

- 42. Regarding the federal solar tax credit, at the direction of Jayson Waller, Power Home did not train its agents to tell consumers about how to go about determining the availability, amount, and timing of the promised federal tax credit on their own, nor were the agents trained on how to properly determine whether and by how much a potential customer might benefit from the federal tax credit and when that benefit might come in. To determine the amount of the tax credit, an agent would need enough information to complete IRS Form 5695.
- 43. To estimate how much and when any person might benefit from the federal tax credit, an agent could ask to see the person's tax return from the previous year, and then ask whether that person expected any changes in their income or expenses. With that information, a properly trained sales agent could then evaluate whether the person could expect to initially owe federal taxes by using the instructions for the federal tax credit provided by the federal government. For tax year 2021, these are found at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i5695.pdf.
- 44. As explained in the "Homeowners' Guide to the Federal Tax Credit for Solar Photovoltaics" the important aspect is that this credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the amount of income tax otherwise owed for the calendar year in which the system is placed in service. See https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2021/02/f82/Guide%20to%20Federal%20Tax%20Cre dit%20for%20Residential%20Solar%20PV%20-%202021.pdf. Consequently, the amount of

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credit available to any person in the next calendar year is a function of the amount of federal income tax that they would be estimated to owe at the end of the tax year.

- 45. Thus, in addition to refraining from misleadingly calling the tax credit a "rebate," the only truthful ways for Defendants' sales agents to discuss the solar tax credit to any potential customer would be to either explain and encourage consumers to independently determine the availability and amount of the solar tax credit before signing up or to actually assist the consumer in determining the availability and amount of the solar tax credit by asking sufficient questions and looking at sufficient documents to make a reasonable estimate of the amount of federal income taxes that would be owed by that person at the end of the calendar year.
- 46. At Waller's direction, Defendants' sales agents were not trained to make these estimates, nor were they trained to advise consumers about the need to make or obtain estimates of their own before entering into the installation and financing agreements with the Defendants.
- 47. Waller, Power Home, and the financial entity Defendants knew that these estimates were not being made, and they knew their sales agents were telling consumers to evaluate the proposed contractual terms for the installation and finance agreements by taking the amount of the promised federal income tax "rebate" into account.
- 48. Instead of assisting or encouraging consumers to make a reasonable estimate of the available tax credit, at Waller's direction, Defendants' sales agents were trained to present the full potentially available tax credit as a rebate that the customer would necessarily receive all at one time, as a cash payment rather than a reduction in tax owed.
- 49. At Waller's direction, the Defendants' sales agents would present this idea even to people who would not receive any tax credit at all, such as people on disability.
- 50. At Waller's direction, and for the benefit of the financial entity Defendants involved in the credit contract, the Power Home agent would also discuss the monthly payment that would

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be required to pay the loan as if the full amount of the tax credit would be available to the consumer the following year.

- 51. Because the Defendants' sales agents never made any reasonable estimate of the consumers' potential tax liability, the Defendants knew that their sales agents could not estimate any consumer's actual tax credit.
- 52. Consequently, these agents never should have discussed the amount of any tax credit available to any consumer.
- 53. In addition, when the systems were to be financed, at Waller's direction, Power Home increased the cost of the system far higher than if the consumer were to pay cash and sold these systems at inflated prices beyond the reasonable price of such systems.
- 54. The reasonable price for a residential solar power system can be determined by the information published by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, a branch of the United States Department of Energy.
- 55. One reason the systems were sold at inflated prices beyond their true cash prices was because Defendants agreed that Power Home would not receive the full amount of the loan set forth in the credit contract. Although those loans purported to be for the exclusive purpose of paying the costs of the design, installation, and equipment required for the consumers' solar power systems, the financial entities would retain the difference between the loan amount and the amount paid to Power Home for the solar power system as a hidden fee.
- 56. Because the Power Home sales agent arranged both the installation contract with Power Home and the credit contract with the finance entities for the consumers, the purported cash price of the system was determined in part by the credit granting protocols of the financial entity Defendants and their secret agreement with Power Home (through Waller) regarding the hidden

fee that the financial entity Defendants retained from the principal amount of the loan to the consumer purportedly for the cost of the solar installation contract.

- 57. That the Defendants' sales agent would regularly misrepresent the benefits of the system they were selling has been confirmed numerous times, including in the reporting at https://www.fox2detroit.com/news/powerhome-solar-shady-pitch and also at https://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/hidden-cameras-reveal-dark-side-of-solar-power.
- 58. All named Plaintiffs and the class they seek to represent were subjected to one or more of Defendants' deceptive sales practices.
- 59. All named Plaintiffs and the class they seek to represent signed a contract with Power Home after hearing Defendants' agent's deceptive and misleading sales pitch.
- 60. None of Plaintiffs were told that the price of the system had been increased because of the hidden fee being retained by the financial entity defendant that was working with Power Home.
  - 61. None of t Plaintiffs had the federal tax credit program properly explained to them.
- 62. All named Plaintiffs and the class they seek to represent were harmed by their agreement to sign the Power Home contract after hearing the sales pitch.
- 63. Without the involvement of the financial entity Defendants who were both willing to work with Power Home to sell solar installations, and also willing to let the Power Home agent work as their agent in arranging a credit contract for those installations, Power Home could not have conducted business in this manner.
- 64. Attached as Exhibit 1 are Declarations that explain how each of the Defendants harmed at least one of the named Plaintiffs.
- 65. Financial entities like Dividend, Mosaic, and GoodLeap are not depository institutions, and each extended credit in Power Home sales.

- 66. Cross River and Tech CU both are state-chartered credit unions, and Digital and Addition both are federally-chartered credit unions; all have federally insured savings accounts.
- 67. Sunlight worked as an arranger of credit that was extended in the name of either Cross River or Tech CU.
- 68. In some of transactions, rather than the entity who extended credit, Mosaic worked as an arranger of credit that was extended in the name of one of its partners, such as Digital.
- 69. The following named Plaintiffs' transactions do not include a signed credit contract with any of the financial entity Defendants but one was to be arranged with Cross River through Sunlight:
  - Jacob Green
  - Emily Yeatts
    - 70. The following named Plaintiffs signed credit contracts with Dividend:
  - Jesse Weaver
  - Reagan Atkins
  - Michael Dunford
  - Dominic During
  - Carrie Lee
  - Mohamed Abdalla
  - Jeffrey Rickard
  - Nina Briggs
  - Eric Michaux
    - 71. The following named Plaintiffs signed credit contracts with GoodLeap:
  - Claude Mumpower
  - Marc Vrendenburg
  - Shon Jualin
  - Amber Jualin
  - Dustin Fontenot
  - Nirmal Sakthi
  - Samantha Bowyer
  - Antwain Carey
  - Trisha Carey
  - Robert Duncan

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- Melissa Grube
- Howard Lohnes
- Norma Lohnes
- Wendy Minor
- Joesil Moore
- Edwin Pinto-Castillo
- Catherine Pistone
- Rick Pistone
- Jeffrey Preuss
- Tracey Richie
- Wesley Richie
- Paul Campbell III
- James Crowder
- Glen Erwin
- Joshua Laplante
- Stephanie LaPlante
- Kelly Tenorio
- Debra Orr
- Kristen White
- Angela Morris
- John Morris
- Christian Stratton
- George W. Harris, III
- Chelsea Vanden-Berg
- Jacob Vanden-Berg
- Stacey Battle
- James Mackey
- Sondra Mackey
- Silberio Reyes
- Steve Hollingshead
- Leslie Isaac
- Ruth Cross
  - 72. The following named Plaintiffs signed credit contracts with Mosaic:
- Herman Bland
- Sylvia Bland
- Brian Baumgardner
- Jason Schieber
- Denise Henderson
- Philip Joiner
  - 73. The following named Plaintiffs signed credit contracts with Cross River:

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- Kim L. Larsen
- Scott Larsen
- Joshua Dickey
- Margaret Fleshman
- Kathy Roberson
- Carl Steinhart
- Lashanda Theodore
- Wilson Theodore
  - 74. The following named Plaintiffs signed credit contracts with Tech CU:
- Heather Wilson Medlin
- Elizabeth Mank
- Dumont Jones
- Jeanette Jones
- Kami Jordy
- Ashley Shelley
- Anthony Ward
- Daniel Roberts
- Anthony Fucci
- Teresa Ciccone
- Michael Craighead
- Jerry Watson
- Erin Ray
- Marc Kennedy
- Vichittra Prasongphime
- Ashley Sustek
- Matt Sustek
- Richard Harrell
  - 75. The following named Plaintiffs signed credit contracts with Addition:
- Lesley Jackson
- Daniel Jackson
  - 76. The following named Plaintiffs signed credit contracts that were arranged by

## Sunlight:

- Lesley Jackson
- Daniel Jackson
- Kim L. Larsen
- Scott Larsen
- Joshua Dickey

- Margaret Fleshman
- Kathy Roberson
- Carl Steinhart
- Lashanda Theodore
- Wilson Theodore
- Elizabeth Mank
- Heather Wilson Medlin
- Dumont Jones
- Jeanette Jones
- Kami Jordy
- Ashley Shelley
- Anthony Ward
- Daniel Roberts
- Anthony Fucci
- Teresa Ciccone
- Michael Craighead
- Jerry Watson
- Erin Ray
- Marc Kennedy
- Vichittra Prasongphime
- Ashley Sustek
- Matt Sustek
- Richard Harrell
  - 77. The following named Plaintiffs signed credit contracts with Digital:
- Richard Monteria
- Pamela Seifert
- Paul Campbell
- 78. The following named Plaintiff knows that one of his signed credit contracts was arranged by Mosaic:
  - Paul Campbell, III
- 79. Kim L. Larsen and Scott Larsen and Carl Steinhart had their loans eventually sold to the SLSLT Trust, who is the current holder of these loans and subject to all claims and defenses they have against Power Home.
  - 80. Below is a chart of the dollar amount and date of contract for each Plaintiff:

Abdalla, Mohamed	\$64,911.00	08.18.2021
Atkins, Reagan	\$71,800.00	10.27.2021
Battle, Stacey	\$49256.00	01.14.2021
Baumgardner, Brian	\$24,240.00	09.10.2019
Bland, Sylvia	\$27,270.00	07.31.2019
Bowyer, Samantha	\$76,499.00	05.02.2022
Briggs, Nina	\$61,866.00	09.25.2021
Campbell, Paul	\$37,460.00	01.16.2019
Carey, Antwain	\$89,476.00	09.06.2021
Carey, Trisha	\$89,476.00	09.06.2021
Ciccone, Teresa	\$69,999.00	03.18.2022
Craighead, Michael	\$39,556.00	05.21.2021
Crowder, James	\$66,312.00	08.20.2020
Dickey, Joshua	\$65,528.00	03.14.2021
Duncan, Robert	\$98,168.00	02.04.2021
Dunford, Michael	\$89,400.00	11.26.2021
During, Dominic	\$94,420.00	12.20.2021
Erwin, Glen	\$70,088.00	04.02.2021
Fleshman, Margaret	\$62,328.00	03.27.2021
Fontenot, Dustin	\$78,344.00	05.16.2020
Fucci, Anthony	\$64,056.00	07.09.2020
Green, Jacob & Yeatts, Emily	\$57,745.00	05.03.2021
Grube, Melissa	\$26,922.00	04.21.2018
Harrell, Richard	\$53,895.00	09.07.2021
Harris, George	\$76,499.00	04.26.2022
Henderson, Denise	\$60,040.00	05.03.2019
Isaac, Leslie and Cross, Ruth	\$84,856.00	08.21.2020
Jackson, Lesley and Daniel	\$55,200.00	01.26.2022
Joiner, Philip	\$25,753.00	02.07.2018
Jones, Dumont	\$56,136.00	06.25.2020
Jones, Jeanette	\$56,136.00	06.25.2020
Jordy, Kami	\$61,656.00	10.08.2020
Jualin, Shon & Amber	\$105,256.00	05.28.2022
Kennedy, Marc	\$63,928.00	09.01.2020
LaPlante, Joshua	\$73,432.00	08.15.2020
LaPlante, Stephanie	\$73,432.00	08.15.2020
Larsen, Scott & Kim	\$66,560.00	05.21.2021
Lee, Carrie	\$60,600.00	10.22.2021
Lohnes, Howard	\$49,951.00	06.02.2021

Lohnes Norma	\$49,951.00	06.02.2021
Mackey, James and Sondra	\$57,908.80	04.16.2020
Mank, Elizabeth	\$69,999.00	03.18.2022
Medlin, Heather & Eric	\$69,999.00	04.05.2022
Michaux, Eric	\$106,680.00	08.18.2021
Minor, Wendy	\$76,499.00	05.16.2022
Monteria, Richard	\$26,792.00	09.04.2018
Moore, Joesil	\$52,680.00	08.01.2020
Morris, Angela & John	\$65,544.00	07.07.2020
Mumpower, Claude	\$69,999.00	04.09.2022
Orr, Debra	\$56,200.00	07.31.2020
Pinto-Castillo, Edwin	\$76,104.00	05.02.2020
Pistone, Rick	\$85,855.00	07.14.2021
Pistone, Catherine	\$85,855.00	07.14.2021
Prasongphime, Vichittra	\$53,895.00	08.03.2021
Preuss, Jeffrey	\$74,128.00	09.18.2021
Ray, Erin	\$69,469.00	02.04.2021
Richie, Tracey	\$83,232.00	06.24.2022
Richie, Wesley	\$83,232.00	06.24.2022
Rickard, Jeffrey	\$59,740.00	01.18.2022
Reyes, Silberio & Hollingshead, Steve	\$69,999.00	03.31.2022
Roberson, Kathy	\$59,000.00	04.06.2021
Roberts, Daniel	\$54,350.40	04.03.2020
Sakthi, Nirmal	\$76,000.00	11.14.2021
Seifert, Pamela	\$47,718.00	01.02.2019
Schalk, Logan	\$64,911.00	09.07.2021
Schieber, Jason	\$14,796.00	10.03.2019
Shelley, Ashley	\$63,160.00	06.05.2021
Sink, Damien	\$53,895.00	08.13.2021
Sustek, Ashley and Matt	\$58,392.00	07.23.2020
Steinhart, Carl	\$62,328.00	04.23.2021
Stratton, Christian	\$73,156.00	05.18.2021
Tenorio, Kelly	\$92,280.00	03.17.2021
Theodore, Lashanda	\$72,411.00	08.11.2021
Theodore, Wilson	\$72,411.00	08.11.2021
Vanden-Berg, Chelsea and Jacob	\$39,580.80	05.23.2020
Vredenburg, Marc	\$40,104.00	01.09.2019
Ward, Anthony	\$58,056.00	05.07.2022
Watson, Jerry	\$35,000.00	07.28.2020

Weaver, Jesse	\$85,420.00	12.02.2021
White, Kristen	\$45,710.40	05.30.2020

- 81. No Plaintiffs were aware of the hidden fee in their contract because Defendants took affirmative steps to conceal its existence from them.
- 82. These steps included using confidentiality clauses in the contracts between the financial entities and Power Home that required their arrangement to be kept secret.
- 83. These steps also included misrepresenting the price of the system as if no additional fee for the financing was included.
- 84. In addition, these steps included not disclosing the fee anywhere in the contract documents, and not properly itemizing in any Itemization of the Amount Financed the actual components of the disclosed Amount Financed.
- 85. Moreover, these steps included not allowing the sales agents to discuss the fact of the fee with the customers.
- 86. For instance, as shown in Exhibit 2, Sunlight's standard rate and fee sheets stated it "should not be disclosed or shared with any customers."
- 87. Similarly, as shown in Exhibit 3, Mosaic's standard rate and fee sheets stated it "CONTRACTOR/INSTALLER USE ONLY- NOT INTENDED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO HOMEOWNERS."
- 88. The hidden fee did not become known to any Plaintiffs until the fall of 2022, when the existence of the rate and fee sheets shown in Exhibits 2 and 3 became known.
- 89. No reasonable borrower diligence or investigation would have uncovered the fact and extent of the hidden fee scheme prior to that time.
- 90. No Plaintiffs were on any type of inquiry notice to investigate the existence of the hidden fee before that time.

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91. Nothing in any individual transactions provides even the slightest clue that a hidden fee increased the price of the system.

- 92. Even if Plaintiffs had been on inquiry notice prior to fall of 2022, none of them had the ability to gain access to the confidential contracts between Power Home and the financial entity Defendants.
- 93. Because of the fraudulent concealment by Defendants of the hidden fee, the statute of limitations on all the claims based on the hidden fee were tolled under the principles set forth in *Edmonson v. Eagle Nat'l Bank*, 922 F.3d 535, 552–58 (4th Cir. 2019).
- 94. Because all Power Home sales were induced through violations of law, each named Plaintiff and the class they seek to represent are entitled, if they want, to cancel all the contracts, have the system removed from their property, and have their property replaced to the condition it was in before the installation of the solar power system.
- 95. To the extent that any of the Power Home victims choose to keep their system at its current level of functionality, then, in addition to other damages to which they are entitled, the value of the benefit received can be easily computed by measuring the current productivity of the system and applying the average price for a system of the effectiveness from the information provided by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, a branch of the United States Department of Energy.
- 96. In this way, once the Bankruptcy Court rules on the legal issues, and assuming it finds that the contracts were created after the misrepresentations and frauds as alleged, at the victims' option, all the installation contracts and corresponding credit contracts are either to be cancelled and all payments returned, or all the payments that have been made are to be applied to the reasonable value of the system that has been installed.

97. Additionally, all Plaintiffs and the classes they seek to represent should be entitled to recover other actual damages, statutory damages, and punitive damages. They are also entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees.

### **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

- 98. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 made applicable in this Adversary Proceeding under the bankruptcy rules, Plaintiffs bring this action for themselves and similarly situated people.
  - 99. As set forth below, each claim has its own separately identified class.
  - 100. The "Main Class" under the RICO claim is a nationwide class defined as follows:
  - all residents of the United States who signed a contract with Power Home for the installation of a photovoltaic solar power system at their residence in a transaction where at least one of the Defendant financial entities was involved in the sale process.
- 101. The "Virginia Subclass" under the VCPA claim is all residents of Virginia who are part of the main class.
- 102. The "North Carolina Subclass" under the UDTPA claim is all residents of North Carolina who are part of the main class.
- 103. The Virginia Subclass and the North Carolina Subclass also bring a common law fraud claim.
- 104. The "Borrower Subclass" under the TILA claim is all people who are part of the main class whose project advanced to the stage of having a signed credit contract with one of the Defendant financial entities.
- 105. <u>Numerosity</u>. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(1). For all classes, the class members are so numerous that the joinder of all is impractical. The names and addresses of these class members are identifiable through the internal business records maintained by Defendants, and the class

members may be notified of the pendency of this action by published and/or mailed notice and/or electronic notice.

- 106. <u>Common Questions of Law and Fact</u>. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(2). Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of each of the classes. The principal issues in this action include the following:
  - A. Whether Waller authorized, directed, and/or ratified the wrongful conduct of Power Homes' agents, and whether Waller's role in orchestrating this fraudulent scheme amounts to direct participation in the transactions it produced.
  - B. The value of the derivative claims against each financial entity that they must bear because the credit contract makes any holder of the credit contract liable for all claims the consumer has against Power Home.
  - C. Whether the financial entity Defendants who used the Power Home agent to negotiate credit contracts for them are liable for the misrepresentations by that agent about the transaction.
  - D. Whether Power Home's standard sales pitch misrepresented the efficiency and effectiveness of the system that any consumer would receive.
  - E. Whether Power Home's agents were ever trained in how to provide a reasonable estimate of the anticipated federal tax credit that could be made available to each consumer if they purchased any solar power system from Power Home.
  - F. Whether Power Home's agents ever asked any consumer for the information necessary to provide a reasonable estimate of the anticipated federal tax credit that could be made available to each consumer if they purchased any solar power system from Power Home.
  - G. Whether Power Home's contracts with the financial entity Defendants included a hidden fee such that the full amount of the disclosed principal of the loan was not paid to Power Home.

- H. Whether the credit contracts for solar power systems that stated a principal amount that was greater than the amount paid to Power Home was a material misrepresentation.
- I. Whether the failure to disclose the hidden fee retained by a financial entity such that the full amount of the disclosed principal was not paid to Power Home shows actual fraud.
- J. Whether the named Plaintiffs and each of the classes they seek to represent have been denied the benefit of the Power Home warranty by Power Home's bankruptcy.
- K. Whether Defendants' conduct demonstrated a pattern of racketeering activity.
- L. Whether Defendants' conduct violated RICO.
- M. Whether Power Home and the financial entity Defendants other than Tech CU, Cross River, and Digital violated the VCPA.
- N. Whether Power Home and the financial entity Defendants violated the UDTPA.
- O. Whether the initial creditors in the transactions violated the TILA.
- P. Whether each named Plaintiff and each similarly situated person is entitled to choose whether to cancel all their contracts regarding their Power Home system.
- Q. The proper remedy under applicable law for Defendants' conduct, including how to apportion any cap on punitive damages.
- R. The date of discovery by the Plaintiffs and similarly situated people of their claims.
- S. Whether the claims of the Plaintiffs and similarly situated people were tolled under the fraudulent concealment doctrine.
- 107. <u>Typicality</u>. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(3). For all classes, the Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of each putative class member. In addition, Plaintiffs are entitled to relief under the same causes of action as the other members of the putative classes. For each of these, Plaintiffs' claims are based on the same facts and legal theories applicable to each putative class member.

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- 108. Adequacy of Representation. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(4). Plaintiffs are adequate representatives of the classes because their interests coincide with, and are not antagonistic to, the interests of the members of the main class and subclass each seeks to represent; each has retained counsel competent and experienced in such litigation; and each has and intends to continue to prosecute the action vigorously. Plaintiffs and their counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the classes. Neither Plaintiffs nor counsel have any interests which might cause them not to vigorously pursue this action.
- 109. <u>Injunctive and Declaratory Relief</u>. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2). Defendants have acted generally towards the classes such that final injunctive and corresponding declaratory relief is appropriate regarding each class as a whole. In particular, all the contracts should be declared to have been created in violation of law such that each Plaintiff and similarly situated person is entitled to choose whether to cancel the transaction entirely or whether to keep the system in its current state and pay a reasonable value of the benefit being received.
- 110. Predominance and Superiority. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3). Questions of law and fact common to each class predominate over questions affecting only individual members, and a class action is superior to other available methods for fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy. In addition to the declaratory and injunctive relief, the damages sought by each member are such that individual prosecution would prove burdensome and expensive. It would be virtually impossible for all members of each class to individually and effectively redress the wrongs done to them. Even if the members of any class could afford such individual litigation, it would be an unnecessary burden on this Court. Furthermore, individualized litigation, whether in this Court or some other forum, presents a potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments and increases the delay and expense to all parties and to the court system presented by the legal and factual issues raised by Defendants' conduct. By contrast, the class action device will result in substantial

benefits to the litigants and the Court by allowing the Court to resolve numerous individual claims based upon a single set of proof in one case. This will effectively determine the value of the claim of each consumer against the Debtor, provide appropriate relief to each such victim, and allow for a proper valuation of the respective claims of each of the financial entity Defendants against the Debtor.

### **CLAIMS**

## Count One RICO - All Defendants

- 111. All named Plaintiffs bring a RICO action against Defendants for violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(a) and 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c).
  - 112. Plaintiffs bring this action for themselves and on behalf of the Main Class.
- 113. The RICO enterprise consists of Waller, Power Home, the financial entity Defendants (including Does 1 to 10), Defendants' sales agents, and one or more third-party financial technology vendors whose software interface Defendants used to calculate the various parts of the installation contracts and credit contracts associated with the systems Power Home sold to Plaintiffs and the putative class members.
- 114. This enterprise had a specific purpose of selling and financing residential solar installations through a hard sales tactic that included misrepresentations.
- 115. This enterprise was dependent on the network of contractual relationships between the members of the enterprise.
- 116. This enterprise also required that Power Home and those financial entity Defendants use the same agent to negotiate the Power Home installation contract and the credit contract.
  - 117. The enterprise lasted many years up until Power Home's bankruptcy filing.

- 118. The enterprise was in interstate commerce and used the telephone and wires to both communicate information and to create electronically signed documents and disclosures.
- 119. The members of the enterprise, Power Home, Waller, the financial entity Defendants, their sales agents, and third-party technology vendors involved in the creation of the credit contracts are each legally distinct entities.
  - 120. These Defendants each have their own business location.
  - 121. These Defendants each perform independent actions within the enterprise.
- 122. Thus, each of these Defendants conducted or participated, directly or indirectly, in the conduct of that enterprise's affairs.
- 123. These Defendants are also presumed to have knowledge of the information possessed by their sales agents, who knew that the hidden fee was not disclosed to the consumer, that no reasonable estimate of the actual benefit of the federal tax credit to any particular consumer was ever made, and that promises were made about the efficiency of the system that would never be realized.
- 124. Through the enterprise, Defendants conducted or participated directly or indirectly in acts of wire fraud by misrepresenting through the phone, email, and internet two material facts about the credit: the true amount of the principal of the credit being extended; and the benefit that would be provided from the federal tax credit.
- 125. Each Defendant used income from racketeering activity to operate an enterprise engaged in interstate commerce and received money from that activity and invested it in the enterprise, all in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(a).
- 126. Waller and the sales agents were employed by Power Home, and Dividend, GoodLeap, Mosaic, Cross River, Tech CU, Digital, Addition, and Sunlight contracted, directly or indirectly, with Power Home to provide financing for the fraudulent solar installation and credit

contracts associated with the enterprise, and they participated, directly or indirectly, in the conduct of that enterprise's affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c).

- 127. SLSLT Trust, and any trust or subsequent assignee whose identity is not yet known but included as Does 1 to 10, as the owners of credit contracts created in transactions based on the unlawful conduct of Power Home, are also liable for the RICO claims of the consumers whose loans they bought.
- 128. Plaintiffs and the Main Class that Plaintiffs seek to represent were all harmed by reason of the violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(a) and 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c).
- 129. These Defendants' actions in violation of RICO were a proximate cause of injury to named Plaintiffs and each member in the putative Main Class and each subclass.

# Count Two VCPA – All Defendants Except Addition

- 130. Defendants Power Home, Dividend, GoodLeap, Mosaic, and Sunlight were each suppliers, as that term is defined at Virginia Code § 59.1-198 and regulated by the VCPA.
- 131. By virtue of his authority, knowledge, and control over Power Home, Waller was also a supplier, as that term is defined at Virginia Code § 59.1-198 and regulated by the VCPA.
- 132. Defendants Cross River, Tech CU, Digital, SLSLT Trust, and Does 1 to 10 are not directly regulated by the VCPA but are, along with Dividend, GoodLeap, Mosaic, and Sunlight, derivatively liable pursuant to the terms of the credit contract for the VCPA claim against Power Home by any member of the Virginia Subclass.
- 133. All named Plaintiffs who resided in Virginia at the time of the transaction are consumers who engaged in consumer transactions regarding the installation of a solar power system.

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134. On behalf of the VCPA Subclass, all named Plaintiffs who resided in Virginia at the time of the transaction bring a VCPA action under Virginia Code § 59.1-204.

135. In the transactions with the Virginia residents, Defendant Power Home violated Virginia Code § 59.1-200(A)(5), (8) and (14) by the misrepresentations set forth in the facts above about the effectiveness and efficiency of the system being sold, about the hidden fee that increased the price of the system, and about the actual way any federal tax credit would work and its estimated value.

136. In their transactions with the Virginia residents, Defendants Dividend, GoodLeap, Mosaic, and Sunlight all violated Virginia Code § 59.1-200(A)(5), (8) and (14) by the misrepresentations set forth in the facts about the hidden fee that increased the price of the system, and about the actual way any federal tax credit would work and its estimated value.

- 137. In their transactions with the Virginia residents, Defendants Dividend, GoodLeap, Mosaic, and Sunlight also all violated Virginia Code § 59.1-200(A)(5), (8) and (14) by the misrepresentations which their agent knew about the effectiveness and efficiency of the system being sold.
- 138. These Virginia Plaintiffs and each Virginia Subclass member suffered a loss as a result of each of these Defendants' violations of the VCPA.
- 139. The violations were willful, or in the alternative were negligent and not the result of a bona fide error.

# Count Three UDTPA – Power Home, Waller, GoodLeap, Dividend, Addition, Tech CU, and Sunlight

140. The transactions, acts and omissions of all Defendants constitute "commerce" as defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1(b).

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- 141. All named Plaintiffs who resided in North Carolina at the time of the transaction and each member of the North Carolina Subclass are consumers who engaged in consumer transactions regarding the installation of a solar power system.
- 142. On behalf of the members of the North Carolina Subclass, all named Plaintiffs who resided in North Carolina at the time of the transaction bring a UDTPA action against Power Home and Waller under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-16.
- 143. In the transactions with the named North Carolina residents and the North Carolina Subclass, Defendant Power Home violated N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1 by the misrepresentations set forth in the facts above about the effectiveness and efficiency of the system being sold, about the hidden fee that increased the price of the system, and about the actual way any federal tax credit would work and its estimated value.
- 144. In the transactions with the North Carolina residents, Defendants GoodLeap, Dividend, Addition, Tech CU, and Sunlight all violated N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1 by the misrepresentations set forth in the facts about the hidden fee that increased the price of the system, and about the actual way any federal tax credit would work and its estimated value.
- 145. In the transactions with the North Carolina residents, Defendants GoodLeap, Dividend, Addition, Tech CU, and Sunlight also all violated N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1 by the misrepresentations which their agent knew about the effectiveness and efficiency of the system being sold.
- 146. Defendants Does 1 to 10 are not directly regulated by the UDTPA but are, along with Dividend, Addition, GoodLeap, Tech Cu, and Sunlight, derivatively liable pursuant to the terms of the credit contract for the UDTPA claim against Power Home by any member of the North Carolina Subclass.

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147. The North Carolina Plaintiffs and each member of the North Carolina Subclass suffered monetary and non-monetary injuries that were proximately caused by each of these Defendants' violations of the UDTPA.

148. The violations were willful, unfair, deceptive and/or malicious.

## Count Four Fraud – All Defendants

- 149. On behalf of the members of the Virginia Subclass and the North Carolina Subclass, all named Plaintiffs bring a fraud action against Defendants under the common law of their state.
- 150. In the transactions with Plaintiffs and the members of the Virginia Subclass and the North Carolina Subclass, Defendant Power Home committed actual fraud by inducing the installation contract by the misrepresentations and concealment as to how the hidden fee increased the price of the system, and by misrepresenting that it knew a specific dollar amount of a federal tax credit would be available at one time to the consumer even though it knew it made no effort to actually estimate the amount the consumer would receive.
- 151. Power Home and Waller intended that the victims rely on these false representations and concealments.
- 152. All Plaintiffs relied on these false statements and signed installation contracts with Power Home, and suffered damages as a result, including that their initial loan principal was higher than the actual dollar amount provided to Power Home.
- 153. In these transactions, Defendants Dividend, GoodLeap, Mosaic, Cross River, Tech CU, Digital, Addition, and Sunlight all committed actual fraud by inducing the credit contract by concealing how the hidden fee increased the price of the system, by misrepresenting and concealing that the actual loan amount paid to Power Home was less than the disclosed principal on the credit contract, and by having their agent misrepresent that it knew a specific dollar amount

of a federal tax credit would be available at one time to the consumer even though it knew that agent made no effort to actually estimate the amount the consumer would receive.

- 154. Defendants Dividend, GoodLeap, Mosaic, Cross River, Tech CU, Digital, Addition, and Sunlight intended that all their victims rely on these false representations and concealments.
- 155. All Plaintiffs in the respective subclasses for Defendants Dividend, GoodLeap, Mosaic, Cross River, Tech CU, Digital, Addition, and Sunlight relied on these false statements and signed credit contracts, and suffered damages as a result, including that their initial loan principal was higher than the actual dollar amount provided to Power Home.
- 156. The actions of each of these Defendants was in such reckless disregard of the rights of Plaintiffs that punitive damages should be assessed against them.
- 157. SLSLT Trust, and Does 1 to 10, as the owner of credit contracts created in transactions based on the fraud of Power Home, are also liable for the fraud claims of the consumers in the Virginia Subclass and the North Carolina Subclass whose loans it bought.

### **Count Five**

### TILA - Dividend, Cross River, Tech CU, Mosaic, Addition, GoodLeap, and Digital

- 158. All Defendants who were the initial creditor in the transaction violated TILA.
- 159. All named Plaintiffs except for Jacob Green and Emily Yeats bring TILA actions against the initial creditor on their loan agreement under 15 U.S.C. § 1640 for violations of 15 U.S.C. § 1638(a).
  - 160. Plaintiffs bring this action for themselves and on behalf of the Borrower Subclass.
- 161. The cash price of the systems was improperly inflated because these were financed transactions.

- 162. The increase was to cover the fees that were charged to Power Home by the financial institutions.
- 163. The true amount of the loan is the amount of the proceeds that were delivered to Power Home as the seller.
- 164. Because this amount was less than the disclosed Amount Financed, the disclosure of the Amount Financed was too high.
  - 165. All borrowers were not provided an accurate itemization of the Amount Financed.
- 166. All borrowers were denied proper disclosures and could not knowledgeably shop for credit to buy a solar installation.
  - 167. All borrowers were charged more because of this TILA violation.
- 168. Except for any permissible fees properly disclosed, the difference between the amount delivered to Power Home and the disclosed Amount Financed was an undisclosed Finance Charge.
- 169. These Defendants' actions in violation of TILA were a proximate cause of injury to named Plaintiffs and each member in the Borrower Subclass.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Plaintiffs, for themselves and all other similarly situated people, pray that the Court enter judgment against Defendants as follows:

- 1. Permanently enjoin Defendants from seeking to collect on any contract created in a Power Home transaction, and from seeking to sell or assign to any entity any rights to such a contract;
- 2. Find that because of Defendants' violations, each named Plaintiff and similarly-situated person is entitled to choose whether to cancel all such contracts or retain whatever benefit the system is currently producing; then, in addition to other damages to which they are entitled,

the value of the benefit received is to be computed by measuring the current productivity of the system and applying the average price for a system of the effectiveness from the information provided by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, a branch of the U.S. Department of Energy;

- 3. Order that all the payments that have been made to any Defendant are to be returned to the consumer who chooses to cancel the system, and for any consumer who chooses to retain the benefit of the system such payments are to be credited to the value of the benefit being retained;
- 4. For each member of the Main Class, award one non-duplicate award of other actual damages to each Plaintiff and the members of the classes they seek to represent;
- For each member of the Main Class, award treble the damages under 18 U.S.C.
   § 1964(b) against each Defendant who participated in their transaction;
- 6. For each member of the Borrower Subclass, award twice the finance charge capped at \$2,000.00 under the TILA against the Defendant who was the initial creditor in their transaction;
- 7. For each member of the Virginia Subclass, award at minimum \$500.00 for each violation of the VCPA against each Defendant who participated in their transaction if the actions are found not be willful;
- 8. For each Virginia resident, award treble the damages under Virginia Code § 59.1-204(A) or at minimum \$1,000.00 against each Defendant who participated in their transaction for each willful violation of the VCPA;
- 9. For each North Carolina resident, award treble damages under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-16 against each Defendant who participated in their transaction;
- 10. For the Virginia residents, award one sum of \$350,000.00 in punitive damages against all Defendants, jointly and severally;

- 11. For each North Carolina resident, award punitive damages under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 1D-25 against each Defendant who participated in their transaction;
- 12. Award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs under the RICO, VCPA, UDTPA, and TILA claims, and
  - 13. Order such other and further relief as may be deemed proper and just.

## TRIAL BY JURY IS REQUESTED

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